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California veteran appointed American Legion national officer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Aug. 27, 2009) – An Arcadia, Calif., military veteran assumed a national leadership position today in the 2.5-million member American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization.

James T. Higuera, a Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Army, was sworn in as national historian during The American Legion's 91st National Convention here.

Higuera is a member and past commander of American Legion Post 270 in Downey. He has been a Legionnaire since 1966 and has held numerous leadership positions at the Legion's post, state, and national levels over the past 43 years.

Higuera served as California's American Legion historian in 1993, sergeant-at-arms in 2006, and as an area vice commander in 1997. He previously worked in the real estate, mortgage and savings and loan industries.

He will serve a one-year term as The American Legion's historian.He took the oath of office along with National Commander Clarence E. Hill, of Jacksonville, Fla. He is one of twelve national officers.

Higuera has two daughters, two sons-in-law and six grandchildren.

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